



ST PAUL'S  
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

## 2 November 2014: All Saints Sunday

### CIRCUMLOCUTION

I remember, during the Gulf War of 1991, being struck by the use in the public realm of a phrase previously used only by military types talking in jargon to other military types: “collateral damage.” It was a way of saying “people whom we killed but didn’t mean to kill,” but it was a nicer and less brutal way of saying it. Scottish feminist linguist Deborah Cameron, now a professor at Oxford, wrote at the time about the phrase’s use. It was, she said, ‘Orwellian’: “a euphemism; that was abstract and affectless, so that even if people succeed in associating it with a real act or event, they would be insulated from any feeling of repulsion and moral outrage.”

Friday’s dreadful news of the Virgin Galaxy spacecraft’s crash in the skies above California produced a new euphemism. The aircraft, a statement from the company said, had experienced “a serious anomaly” after it separated from its launcher, an aircraft called WhiteKnightTwo: it blew up in mid-air, killing one pilot, and very badly wounding another.

We find clever ways, linguistically, in which to distance ourselves from the reality of things, especially when that reality is challenging or may point to human failings, misjudgements and errors. Sometimes we invent euphemisms; often we resort to the use of constructions in the passive voice: we prefer to say, “The man was killed”, rather than “we killed the man.” These are all examples, in one sense, of the process of circumlocution – studied ways of obscuring the harsh truth of things by use of words.

Sometimes circumlocution is necessary, even desirable. It was the wondrous poet Emily Dickinson who famously said: *Tell all truth but tell it slant; / success in circuit lies. / Too bright for our infirm Delight / The Truth's superb surprise /As Lightning to the Children eased /With explanation kind / The Truth must dazzle gradually/ Or every man be blind.* Or as T.S. Eliot said more succinctly, *human kind /Cannot bear very much reality!*

If sometimes we need to protect ourselves from the great truth of things, there is an argument that says we would sometimes be better off if we were more straightforward and unequivocal. And perhaps this is never truer than when we talk about death.

All Saints  
All Souls

This is a weekend in the Church’s life when the business of death and the finitude of human life, so often tip-toed around with delicate circumlocution, is spoken about straightforwardly in the two great liturgies of the All Saints Mass and the All Souls’ Requiem (at 11am and 6pm respectively today, 2<sup>nd</sup> November). The latter is unsentimental about death, judgement, loss, pain and anguish – we dare to weep for our lost loved ones and to do the only thing we really can, to pray, throwing ourselves on the mercy of God. The former speaks of the great hope of salvation and glory laid before us in the Christian gospel. These feasts rely on metaphor, of course – but they speak of the last things simply, unambiguously and without circumlocution. Come and hear what is said.

**Fr Alan Gyle**

## CHURCH SERVICES

**TODAY**

### THE ALL SOULS REQUIEM at 6PM

A sign-up sheet is available until after the High Mass this morning at the back of church upon which we invite you to note the names of all those departed friends and family members you would like us to pray for **All Souls Day at the Solemn Requiem: 18:00 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

**TODAY**

### THE PARISH LUNCH

The November parish lunch is held in the Church Hall **today after mass at 13:00.** Please join us for drinks – and stay for lunch. (We encourage people to sign up – but will always try to ‘stretch’ lunch so that none is disappointed!)

## THE COMING WEEK

**IAN STEERS RIP:** The funeral service for Ian will take place in St Paul's on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at noon.**

**THIS WEEK**

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

There will be a meeting of the PCC on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 19:00** in the Hall in Kinnerton Street.

**THIS WEEK**

### STUDY COURSE: ST MATTHEW

Our seven week series with Fr. Andrew Sloane continues on

**THIS WEEK**



Wednesday evenings, **"Discovering St. Matthew's Gospel"**. Mass at 6:45pm, followed by bible study. More details in the Christian Formation Programme. This week Ben Fleetwood Smyth reads passages from Chapters 10 & 13.

**SILENT MEDITATION** Aidan Hawkes and Fr Andrew Sloane invite you to join the group, which meets twice a week (you need only come once!) on **Tuesday at 08:00** and then again on **Thursday at 17:30.**

**THIS WEEK**

## SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

**THE AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE** raised £712.27. Thanks to all whose commitment of time and energy made possible the success of the event, not least Niki Bartman.

## REMEMBRANCETIDE 2014

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The **Act of Remembrance and Solemn Requiem** for Remembrance Sunday is next **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10:55am** to permit the keeping of the Two Minutes' Silence at 11:00am. Poppies are available at the back of the church this morning and thoughtout this week, with a collection tin for the work of the Royal British Legion. Please give generously.



### REMEMBRANCETIDE EVENING:

During the war years, the Vicar of St Paul's Knightsbridge kept a journal and wrote in the parish magazine. Fr Alan Gyle and Ben Fleetwood Smyth have assembled the story of **St Paul's and the Great War**, and invite you to an evening of music and remembrance on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014.** Music will be provided by the British Art Music Series Ensemble and Choir. Admission will be by £20 donation at the door.

**ST PAUL'S K-STREET** The 'Knightsbridge Eight' (the delegation who spent last weekend in Washington DC visiting our sister parish) are, for the most part, all back in the UK now. The



weekend, which included a welcome dinner (thrown in grand Southern style) by Nancy Work, a reception hosted by us for their Vestry (in the lovely Washington home of London parishioners Charles and Dianne Bruce), and a farewell party on the Sunday evening (hosted by their Interim Rector, Bishop Jim Jelinek) also involved meetings, a discussion forum on the next steps in our parish relationship and lots of churchgoing! Fr Alan preached – and gluttons for punishment can listen to the sermon on the K-Street website ([www.stpauls-kst.com](http://www.stpauls-kst.com)).

# IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

## THE COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS DAY:

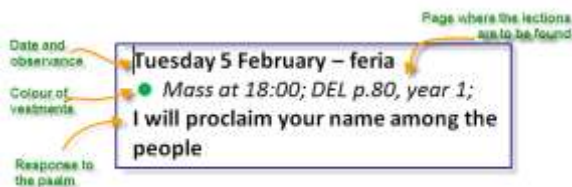
O ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO HAST KNIT TOGETHER THINE ELECT IN ONE COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE MYSTICAL BODY OF THY SON CHRIST OUR LORD: GRANT US GRACE SO TO FOLLOW THY BLESSED SAINTS IN ALL VIRTUOUS AND GODLY LIVING THAT WE MAY COME TO THOSE INEXPRESSIBLE JOYS WHICH THOU HAST PREPARED FOR THEM THAT UNFEIGNEDLY LOVE THEE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST THY SON OUR LORD, WHO LIVETH AND REIGNETH WITH THEE, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOR EVER. **AMEN.**

## THE COLLECT FOR ALL SOULS DAY:

EVERLASTING GOD, OUR MAKER AND REDEEMER, GRANT US, WITH ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THE SURE BENEFITS OF THY SON'S SAVING PASSION AND GLORIOUS RESURRECTION, THAT, IN THE LAST DAY, WHEN THOU DOST GATHER UP ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, WE MAY WITH THEM ENJOY THE FULLNESS OF THY PROMISES; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST THY SON OUR LORD, WHO LIVETH AND REIGNETH WITH THEE, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOR EVER. **AMEN.**

## MASSES & PSALM RESPONSES

There is a mass daily at St Paul's and all are welcome to attend. Service papers are available outside the Chapel or Chancel.



## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Sunday 2 November – All Saints Sunday

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00
- Solemn Requiem Mass at 18:00

### Monday 3 November – Richard Hooker (DEL week 31)

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 387;

**The assembly declares the wisdom of the godly and the congregation proclaims their praise.**

### Tuesday 4 November – feria

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 749 (year 2);
- I will proclaim your name among the people: and praise you in the midst of the congregation.**

### Wednesday 5 November – feria

- Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 751 (year 2);
- The Lord is my light and my salvation: he is the strength of my life.**

### Thursday 6 November – feria

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 753 (year 2);
- Remember the marvels the Lord has done: his wonders and the judgements he has given.**

### Friday 7 November – Willibrord

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 390;
- O Lord, you are our refuge from one generation to another.**

### Saturday 8 November – Saints and Martyrs of England

- Mass at noon; EH p. 393;
- The Lord apportioned to them great glory and the congregation proclaims their praise.**

### We pray daily for:

- Peace in the Middle East, an easing of tension between warring groups and the eradication of religious fundamentalism.
- The renewal of the Church.
- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- those on active service overseas
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and for the unity and health of the Anglican Communion
- our sisters and brothers of the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope Francis I, and for the Eastern Orthodox churches and Bartholomew the Ecumenical Patriarch.

### Among the sick and those in need:

Catherine Anne Lally; Fr. Richard Martin; Maureen Gyle; Eric Maidment; Rosemary Powell; Ian McDonald; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Fr. Lane Davenport; Carole Taylor; Sara Carroll-Parker; Peter Brook; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan; Jean Marc Lehut; baby Harry (Fitzgerald).

### The departed:

Ian Steers; Alex Wood; Lucienne Phillips; John Andrew (priest); Ronald Grierson; Raleigh Trevelyan; David Trendell.

### Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Harold Loasby	27 October
Patrick Hackett	30 October
Rose Macaulay	30 October
Gordon Fenwick	2 November
Nora Powell	2 November
Felicity Millais	3 November
Sally Windham	5 November
Charlie Green	6 November
Kerry St Johnston	6 November

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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood; Fr Graham Palmer; Bishop Michael Colclough  
A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week; however, as a general rule, Fr Alan is unavailable on Mondays and Fr Andrew Sloane on Fridays.

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